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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Please enter this response to the Action mailed September 13, 2000 in this application.

REMARKS

The Applicants' prior response elected claims 1-36 without selecting a species described in a list presented in the Office Action of June 16, 2000. This oversight was noted in the September 13, 2000 Action, and this response provides that selection.

Applicants select species 1 (Figures 2A and 2B) and submit that at least the following claims are readable on this selected species: claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-13, 17, 19, 21-22, 26, 28, 30-33 and 35.

Applicant submits that this response satisfies the request in the Action mailed September 13, 2000.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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